

Marines SCUTTLEBUTT

America Loves Marines



war on terrorism. It was filmed by Navy and Marine combat cameramen who were sent to Hollywood and trained to use the latest in high definition digital Panavision cameras —

around the first of the year once the G-rated movie is out of theaters.

The film shows images of planes crashing into the World Trade Center towers and other

— especially on the big screen. Actors like John Wayne, Clint Eastwood, Jack Nicholson, Will Smith, and more recently, Nicholas Cage have made being a Marine ... well, cool.

The latest enterprise between the Navy, the Marine Corps and American Rogue Films promises once again to make heroes of Leathernecks. Only this time, the men and women projected on screens of nearly 1,000 Regal and United Artists theaters are real Marines.

The Operation Enduring Freedom short film highlights the contributions of Marines and Sailors participating in the

just like the ones George Lucas uses in his new Star Wars movies.

The film debuted recently and was well received by audiences, according to a poll of moviegoers who saw the piece. It was pulled from the theaters because of a G-rated movie currently playing. The digital format of the film will not allow theaters to choose on which screen to project it in multiplex. It is scheduled to be shown again beginning

images that may be unsuitable for young audiences.

In addition, Best Buy and Circuit City will soon be using Enduring Freedom as their in-store HDTV demo-tape.

So, who needs actors? **M**



Navy Works on Tomahawk Chop

Unlike the Atlanta Braves' trademark Tomahawk chop, a low-tech arm movement accompanied by painfully dull, obnoxious chanting, the Navy is busy sharpening its own blade — the Tactical Tomahawk cruise missile.

In several test flights over the last few months the Naval Air Systems Command and

Lockheed Martin have successfully used the missiles to engage simulated targets from ships and submarines at sea. The Raytheon-manufactured block III and IV missiles, upgrades to the Desert Storm-era Tomahawks, can be launched from Aegis-class cruise ships, guided destroyers and Seawolf- and Los Angeles-

class submarines at targets more than 500 miles away.

The new missiles are equipped with a global positioning system, as well as in-flight retargeting and satellite communications capabilities. The block III variant is expected to hit the fleet in 2003 and the block IV in 2004.

Eat your hearts out, Braves' fans. **M**



From Big Screen to Big Rig

Marines have always thought they were larger than life, and now they really are ... on the side of numerous semi-trucks.

The 1,000 Truck Campaign has enlisted the support of the

commercial trucking industry to transform big rigs into rolling billboards for the Corps. The goal is to have 1,000 trucks wrapped with Marine Corps images and messages travel America's four million miles of roads.

The program provides the Marine Corps with more advertising bang for the buck — a traditional billboard in a major market runs about \$5,000 a month in a major market, these rolling billboards can be used for up to five years with a one-time cost of \$1,200. In fact, the cost is limited to the materials used to cover three sides of a trailer since private trucking companies are donating the space on their trucks as a public service.

The next time you see a big rig hauling the Marine Corps message, give honk to show our appreciation. **M**



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New Weapon is on Guard Protecting Who You Are

Are you really you? Is all the debt of your credit report really yours? Or has someone stolen your identity?

Then you need to visit the new Web site, the Military Sentinel, at <http://www.consumer.gov/military>. This site allows servicemembers to file online complaints of

suspected consumer fraud, identity theft and other unfair or deceptive practices. Complaints are sent to the Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and more than 5550 other law enforcement agencies.

The Military Sentinel,



unveiled Sept. 24 by the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Defense, serves the military community exclusively. Due to the nomadic lifestyle of the military, servicemembers are vulnerable to certain types of unfair or deceptive business practices. The site provides the FTC and law enforcement

with tools to isolate information about businesses and individuals who target servicemembers.

So, if you think someone else is walking around as you, you should either see a psychiatrist or visit the Military Sentinel. **M**



and selected state and local law enforcement and corrections agencies the opportunity to observe, and become familiar with commercial-off-the-shelf force protection equipment.

Unlike an exhibit, vendors will be expected to demonstrate their equipment.

force protection/physical security equipment available commercially, FPED IV is where you need to be.

For more information about the demonstration, visit <http://www.fped4.org>

The FPED brings together knowledgeable leaders from around the world and puts

Demo Highlights the < Newest Technology

Unmanned aerial vehicles, seismic and infrared sensors, underwater security sensors, high-tech optical devices ... sounds like the prop room for a James Bond Movie, right. Well, all this and more will be showcased at the Force Protection Equipment Demonstration IV scheduled to take place May 6-8 at Marine Corps Base Quantico. FPED provides leaders and decision-makers from the Department of Defense, federal departments and agencies,

Attendees should expect explosives and live ammunition demos at the base ranges as well as some night vision equipment demonstrations. With hundreds of vendors displaying more than 1,000 items that protect personnel and property, attendees should be able to identify products they consider most promising for their needs.

So, if you need to equip yourself for your new job as an action/adventure hero, or you just want to see the latest

them in contact with force protection equipment manufacturers who may have equipment solutions for force protection needs. The most important aspect is that leaders see what is available, what is possible. A valuable synergy takes place between vendors who discover what users need as well as developing product solutions with other manufacturers. *M*

Technogeeks Eat Your Heart Out... > Power & Control

If all goes as planned, by 2007, Marines will travel aboard an amphibious beast sporting a 2,700 horsepower engine, two 23-inch water jets – and a computer room your average gamer would drool over. This beast, better known as the AAV(C), gives regimental/battalion commanders a leap forward in technology and is a far cry from the radio bank, maps and grease pencils of its predecessor, the AAV. The ‘sticker’ on this new vehicle has an impressive list of standard options: seven computer workstations with 18-inch monitors, two UNIX servers, two Windows servers, two mass memory units, a tactical data network, seating for seven to nine command personnel and a crew of three, UHF radios for close air support, GPS, enhanced position and location reporting sys-

tem, satellite communications, VHF for fire support coordination, and HF for calling for Naval surface fire support. With access to information from satellite and computer-based intelligence sources, as well as from ships, aircraft and other vehicles, this mobile-command beast and computer-equipped ride will definitely beat the hell out of any Playstation or enemy that gets in the way. *M*



LOUD & CLEAR

“Every Marine is, first and foremost, a rifleman. All other conditions are secondary.”

— Gen. Alfred M. Gray,
29th Commandant of the Marine Corps

We’re talking ‘high altitude envelope expansion’! No, this is not a new way to fill oversized parcels — rather it is just one of the many improvements being added and tested on the next series of upgrades to the Corps’ aging fleet of combat, utility, and attack helicopters. The H-1 update program in Patuxent River is working hard to breathe new life into some of the Corps’ most prized helos — projecting to save nearly \$3 billion in the process. The savings mainly come from shared components that will result in an 84 percent commonality between the two aircraft — meaning less spare parts to keep on hand, streamlined training for aircrew and maintainers, and smoother deployments. Upgrades to the UH-1N Huey and AH-1W Super Cobras include shared common drive train, rotor



Faster, Easier, and More Efficient > Helos Gets an Upgrade

head, tail boom, software and controls. There are also updates and additions to the stability and control augmentation system, cockpit seat location, hydraulic cooler, avionics, and wing tip fairings. Last, but not least, is the installation of a new HFC-125 fire extinguishing system that is more environmentally suitable than current Halon systems. The refurbished aircraft will be easier to operate, fly faster, be more

capable of survival, and will have an expected lifespan of 30-years. A long-lasting, fast moving, efficient helo with more firepower and an environmentally suitable fire extinguisher ... now that’s Marine Corps aviation! *M*

Looking for a Few < Good Triathletes

Proud of your splits? Tell it to the Marines. The all-Marine triathlon team is looking for a few good triathletes to compete in the Armed Forces Triathlon Championship scheduled June 18-22 at Naval Base Ventura County, Calif. Marines interested in being a part of the All-Marine team must submit resumes by March 1, 2003 detailing past competitions and results. The 12 men and six women selected for the team will compete in Ventura County for a chance to go to the CISM Triathlon Championship at Dronten, Netherlands July 28-Aug. 2, 2003. Marines selected must attend a pre-race triathlon team training camp at Marine

Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.
June 9-17, 2003.
The Armed Forces Championship will be Olympic distance and will include a 1,500-meter swim, a 40-kilometer bike, and 10-kilometer run. Interested athletes should go to <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/> and check out MCO P1700.29 or see their local Semper Fit athletics director for further details. *M*

